

**Financial Assistance to Bihar State for Eradication of Leprosy from Gaya**

\*336. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attentions has been drawn to a news report published in a local daily dated the 4th November, that the Gaya (Bihar) pilgrim town sorely lacks treatment facilities though at least three percent of the population suffers from leprosy;

(b) whether Government have received complaints from foreign tourists regarding the house problems for the leprosy patients; and

(c) whether Central Government have assisted the State Government in this regard and if so, the amount of money, granted by the Central Government during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir The financial assistance given by the Central Government to the Government of Bihar under the National Leprosy Control Programme during the last 3 years is as follows:—

1971-72—5.28 lakhs.

1972-73—9.63 lakhs

1973-74—7.40 lakhs

**Production of Lethal Jet Fighters**

\*338. SHRI M. S. PURTY:

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to produce 'Lethal' jet fighters to defend the country's long borders and coastline and to make the armed forces self-sufficient in this respect; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b). Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, is already engaged in the manufacture of combat aircraft, such as MIG-21M and Marut. Production of Ajeet would be taken up shortly.

**Bokaro Steel Plant progress during 1974-75**

\*339. SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bokaro Steel Plant is poised to make a breakthrough during 1974-75; and

(b) if so, the salient features of its progress and when it is scheduled to go into production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV): (a) and (b). According to the latest construction schedule, Slabbing Mill of Bokaro Steel Plant is to be commissioned by December, 1974. Hot Strip Mill with one re-heating furnace is expected to be ready by March, 1975; and Hot Rolled Sheets and Coiling Finishing Section is projected for commissioning by March, 1975. With the commissioning of these units, the Steel Plant is expected to turn out finished steel in the second half of 1975.

The civil work on the First Stage (1.7 M.T.) of the Steel Plant has almost been completed. 95 per cent of the technological and structural work, 93 per cent of the building structural work, 77 per cent of refractories erection, 74 per cent of mechanical and about 73 per cent of electrical equipment erection have also been completed.

Presently one blast furnace, two cokeoven batteries and two 100-tonne L.D. converters of the Steel Melting Shop are in operation. The work on the remaining units of the First Stage is going ahead. The entire First

Stage, i.e., 1.7 million ingot tonne capacity per annum (except Cold Rolling Mill) is expected to be completed and commissioned by December, 1975.

हिन्दुस्तान जिंक लिमिटेड, राजस्थान के छष्ट अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कथित जांच

\* 340. श्री लालजी भाई: क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उदयपुर (राजस्थान) स्थित हिन्दुस्तान जिंक लिमिटेड के कुछ छष्ट अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध लगाये गये भ्रष्टाचार संबंधी आरोपों के बारे में कोई जांच की जा रही थी,

(ख) क्या यह जांच इस बीच पूरी हो चुकी है, और

(ग) यदि हा, तो इन छष्ट अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा करने का विचार है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री चन्द्रजीत बाबू) : (क) जी, हां। कुछ मामलों में जिनके बारे में केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा विभिन्न स्तरों पर जांच की जा रही है।

(ख) और (ग). तीन आरोपों में केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो/विशेष पुलिस प्रतिष्ठान

द्वारा नियमित मामले और एपेंट्स दर्ज की हैं। इनमें से दो मामलों में कानून के अनुसार मुकदमा दर्ज किया गया है और मुकदमों की कार्यवाही चल रही है। तीसरे मामले में जांच चल रही है।

#### High Incidence of Leprosy

\*341. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified any Districts having high incidence of leprosy;

(b) if so, the names of the Districts, Statewise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to eradicate this disease from these areas?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) 143 Leprosy Control Units and 551 Survey, Education and Treatment Centres have been established in these districts under the National Leprosy Control Programme giving partial coverage. Full coverage is proposed to be provided during the Fifth Five Year Plan period.

#### Statement

| States/Union Territories | Name of high endemic Districts having prevalence rate of 1% and above.                   |
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| 1                        | 2                                                                                        |
| 1. Andhra Pradesh        | 1. Srikakulam<br>2. Visakhapatnam<br>3. East Godavari<br>4. West Godavari<br>5. Chittoor |